

MM Docket No.02-277

I'm writing to inform you that I support media diversity. The mass medianow is already owned by large conservative corporations. Eliminating the current rules would only serve to completely abolish all chances of media diversity. How is this constitutional at all? As a young American, I'm pleading with you, leave our mass media alone! I have had only twelve years to experience the first amendment right in full use, and without these rules, what's the point? Here in Houston we already have only two newspapers to choose from. We're forced to go and dig for diverse opinions on subjects such as war, and elections. Having one company owning multiple broadcasting companies would only further desecrate our first amendment rights with opinions that are copyrighted by greed from major corporations. The beautiful thing about free speech is that when it's in use, everyone can express how they feel, and everyone is free to have a different opinion on things. Well answer me this: How are we all to have diverse opinions, if every idea we harbor is spewed out by ONE major corporation?

Eliminating the rule that prevents one company from monopolizing the media would only get rid of even MORE jobs that have already been lost. Every time I step out of my house, I'm greeted by a "for sale," sign in the front yard of someone who's been laid off because of the current economic drought. My own father was recently laid off from BMC. Please don't force other families to experience loss of jobs, money, and food.

Finally, the internet. PLEASE don't screw around with the internet. That's where I get all my information. The evening news and the internet. It's what connects the entire world. I'm currently WRITING this to you from the internet. So please, please don't get rid of these rules. They are vital if you want to keep free speech alive in this nation. Thank you for taking your time to read my message.

Sincerely, and Respectfully,
Molly Dugan